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The following are Thai Communists:^{1/}

- a. Thienthai Apaichatabut^{2/}: The leader of the Trade Union Association Thienthai, an attorney, organizes labor meetings and strikes, provides bail for workers, administers accident benefits, and serves as the laborers' representative in negotiations with management. Thienthai, an individual of considerable ability, is a member of the Central Committee of the Communist organization^{2/}. Previous to the November 1947 coup d'etat, Thienthai's organization^{2/} required two offices. The office at the U-Thai Printing Company, near Hok Bridge, behind the Ministry of Defense Building, 60-61 Asdang Road, served as a Communist propaganda outlet. At one time, despite considerable support, Thienthai was defeated in his bid for a seat in Parliament by Maj. Gen. Khun Plot Porapak, presently Deputy Minister of Defense. The fact that certain merchants have contributed in excess of 1,000 bahts to a solicitor who carried Thienthai's card is illustrative of Thienthai's influence.
- b. Wadsundhon Chamon^{3/}: Formerly a solicitor at the Manoo Kit (Mancotham) legal firm, Wadsundhon is a member of the committee of the Communist Party. Wadsundhon serves as liaison man between Chinese and Thai laborers. In January 1948, Wadsundhon was arrested by the Governor of Chachoengsao Province as one of the leaders of the striking Chinese and Thai rice mill workers. Upon his release, Wadsundhon was greeted at Hualampong Station, Bangkok, by a crowd of approximately 1,000 laborers. Wadsundhon has an intimate Chinese friend, Pichit (fau), who speaks fluent Mandarin, Thai, and Russian. Pichit delivers lectures to laboring groups and recruits for the Communist Party. Pichit's son, Sen (fau), a Communist, is employed at the Texas Theater. His daughter, a nurse at Hua Shioh Hospital, is an active Communist propagandist.
- c. Wirote Amphai^{4/}: Ostensibly, Wirote, a bona fide Communist, is the owner of the weekly, Mehachon. However, both the Mehachon and the Chinese newspaper, Chuan Min Pao are supported by the Communist

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organization. Wirote acts as owner of Mahachon because of his social and political connections. Wirote's assignment is to publicize the corruption of the Thai Government and to recruit Government officials as Communists. A member of the Central Committee of the Communist organization, Wirote cooperates with Thienthai Apaichatabut in the organization of strikes, and he also acts as a labor spokesman at meetings with government officials.

- d. Prapen Kirasak^{5/}: Prapen, who studied in the USSR, translates Soviet propaganda into Thai and distributes it to many receptive newspapers. Prapen, a member of the Central Committee of the Communist organization, is an adviser of the Soviet Information Service and has direct contact with the Soviet Legation in Bangkok. He is of Chinese-Thai parentage and frequently attends meetings of the Mit Peng Kio Union.
- e. Suri Thongwanit^{6/}: A Communist propagandist, Suri is employed at Area Livira's Shim Thai Printing Company.
- f. Area Livira^{7/}: President of the Thai Press Association.
- g. Thanya Annaprapit: Staff member of Siang Thai.
- h. Dilik Thiratorn^{8/}: Staff member of Siang Thai.
- i. Wichitwong Na Pomphet: Staff member of Siang Thai.
- j. San (fnu): Staff member of Siang Thai.
- k. Lheng (fnu)^{9/}: Lheng, a staff member of Siang Thai, uses the pen name Orpin. He is Chinese and the son of Achawong (fnu), who was a political prisoner on Tarutao Island at the same time as Suri Thongwanit. Lheng was sent to Thailand from Kunming via Kengtung by the Chinese Communists to cooperate with the Thai Communists. He speaks fluent Chinese, Thai, and English. Lheng, who also writes for Chuan Min Pao, is considered an important individual in Communist circles in Bangkok.
- l. Udon Srisuwan^{10/}: Spokesman for Mahachon.
- m. Cherd Chai Chu Wong: Of Chinese-Thai parentage.
- n. Sri Anothai
- o. Sunkit Chamnong: Of Chinese-Thai parentage.
- p. Chit (fnu)
- q. Sombun Sribunserm^{11/}
- r. Sompong (fnu)^{12/}
- s. Sak Suphakasem: Editor of Mahachon.
- t. Sanch (fnu)^{13/}

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- u. Thavatch Khithidet
- v. Kangsit (fnu)
- w. Chu (fnu)
- x. Prasert Praepadit
- y. Suwan (fnu)
- z. Chorb (fnu)^{14/}
- aa. Kwang Tong Tzee: Member of Parliament from Kalasin.
- bb. Prasert Sapsunthorn^{15/}: Thai Communist leader.
- cc. Kasem Sapsunthorn
- dd. Wisit Sripatra: Chief of the Makasan labor union. Makasan is the government railway repair shop.

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- 1/ [REDACTED] Comment. Whether the individuals reported herein are members of a bona fide Communist Party, which is a member of the Communist international in the same sense as the Chinese Communist Party, is not yet clear. However, it is certain that this group, which apparently thinks of itself as Communist, is working closely with and is probably being supervised by the Chinese Communists.

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[REDACTED] Comment. In general, the names contained in this report substantiate those in [REDACTED] which was from another source.

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- 2/ [REDACTED] Comment. In speaking of offices and organization, source is probably identifying the Communist organization with the Central Labor Union (CLU) organization. The office referred to was ostensibly, in all probability, the CLU headquarters. However, it appears that the Communist organization is, to a large extent, carried on within the framework of the CLU, which would account for source's difficulty in distinguishing between the two.

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[REDACTED] Comment. See [REDACTED] for further information on the relation between the Communist Party in Thailand and the CLU. For a recent report on the activities of Thienthai, see [REDACTED]

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- 3/ See [REDACTED]

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- 4/ See [REDACTED]

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- 5/ See [REDACTED]

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- 6/ See [REDACTED]

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- 9/ [REDACTED] Comment. Lieng might possibly be the same as Tua Kwai Nieng (TSEN Hwai-wang) who was reported in [REDACTED] as a well known Chinese writer who resides at the Chuan Min Pao offices. Another possibility is Liang Hong Hek (LIANG Kuang-kuo), who was reported by [REDACTED] 25X1A2g as a member of the Central Executive Committee of the Chinese Communist Party in Thailand.

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- 10/ See [REDACTED]

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- 11/ [REDACTED] Comment. Possibly the same as Sonbun Srisupandit, the Chinese-Thai manager of the New East Asia Company.

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- 12/ [REDACTED] Comment. Possibly the same as Sompong Pavichit, a Thai-Chinese, who was reported in [REDACTED] as the editor of a new Chinese Communist news service.

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- 13/ [REDACTED] Comment. Possibly the same as Sanch Tanbunyun, a professor at Chulalongkorn University and a Thai youth leader.

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- 14/ [REDACTED] Comment. Possibly the same as Chop Maninot who was reported in [REDACTED] as being a pro-Communist member of the Thai Press Association. See [REDACTED] for further information on Chop.

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